

## Timely Tidbits ...

### Open House To Address Needs of the Elderly

An open house featuring numerous Downriver-area services for the elderly and their caregivers will be held at Taylor City Hall (23555 Goddard Road) on Wednesday, February 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The session will provide information about available options and resources to help local residents navigate the service-delivery system and meet the needs of loved ones.

On hand will be representatives from:

- AARP Foundation/WorkSearch – AARP Foundation/WorkSearch provides free assistance to mature job seekers who need or want to continue working and maintain financial security. A new Work Search Assessment System helps more individuals and businesses.
- American House Residences – These senior-living residences in Michigan offer many housing options. Customized services are tailored to meet residents' needs.
- American Red Cross Lifeline – American Red Cross Lifeline provides peace of mind 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and enables seniors to continue to live independently in their own home.
- The Information Center, Inc. – Information, consultation, and referral services connect resources to people who need them.
- Elder Law and Advocacy Center of Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan – Free legal services, elder-abuse education/prevention, and guidance, information, and referral resources are offered to senior citizens and caregivers.
- The Senior Alliance – The Senior Alliance coordinates the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) with counselors to assist elders in western and southern Wayne County with Medicare/Medicaid issues.
- Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan – This group has been called "the name to know" for home health care and hospice for more than 100 years.

For more information on the open house, call (734) 282-7171. □

## Romulus Mayor Testifies Before Congress re Casinos

On Wednesday, the House Natural Resources Committee heard testimony regarding legislation that could pave the way for a casino in Romulus.

House Resolution 4115 – sponsored by Congressman John D. Dingell (D-Dearborn) – would settle a dispute involving the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians by allowing them to take land in Romulus in exchange for their agreement to abandon claim to land in the Charlotte Beach area of the Upper Peninsula.

Among those who appeared before the Committee in support of HR 4115 was Mayor Alan R. Lambert, who read a prepared statement regarding what he believes to be a vital issue for his hometown.

"In December of 2003," said Lambert, "Romulus had a referendum vote asking our residents if they would want a casino development in the City of Romulus. The residents overwhelmingly voted in favor of allowing a casino development in the City limits. I believe, as do the residents of Romulus, that this casino would be a benefit to the City of Romulus, and would also provide huge benefits to the entire region, as well as to the State of Michigan."

"Former Governor Engler agreed when he signed a settlement agreement with the Sault Tribe in December 2002, resolving their land claim. Governor Granholm also has approved the Settlement Agreement and has asked for your support."

"We have patiently waited for this to move forward as the Michigan economy has worsened. We are concerned that the most vocal opposition to a casino may not even be from our area."

"With Michigan in a one-state recession, jobs are leaving the state faster than any other state. We live in one of the leading counties in the nation for the number of home foreclosures, and it is getting worse each day. We have lost hundreds of thousands of jobs in Michigan, and there is no one bringing those jobs back. I feel that a proposal such as the casino could bring three to four thousand new jobs and millions of dollars of revenue, not only to the City of Romulus, but also to the southeast region and the State of Michigan. This is a win-win for everyone. This is something that has to be done, and somebody has to step in and help."

"I want to personally thank Congress-

man John Dingell, Congressman Bart Stupak, and Congresswoman Candace Miller for all their efforts in Washington [and] Governors Engler and Granholm ... [They] understand the importance of the project and its impact to the state and region."

"In addition, it is important to note that the City of Romulus is working in partnership with Wayne County, the Airport Authority staff, and the neighboring communities on an 'Aerotropolis Regional Economic Development Plan.' As you may be aware, the Aerotropolis plan includes the development and growth of new industry, high-tech business, and quality entertainment opportunities along the I-94 corridor, extending from the Detroit River to Ann Arbor. Romulus is centrally located along this corridor, and the casino located here would further act as a catalyst to jump-start this Aerotropolis dream into a reality. Implementation of the Aerotropolis plan will place this region front and center for new economic investment in Michigan."

"The Sault project can be the catalyst for additional developments to come to the City, Aerotropolis, and southeast Michigan."

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## Romulus Chamber Names Lewkowicz "Person of the Year"

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce has announced that longtime Romulus resident Mark J. Lewkowicz has been named its 23rd Person of the Year.

The announcement was made by POTY Committee member Larry Williams during last month's Chamber luncheon on January 15.

Lewkowicz and his wife Candy have two children, Romulus High School students Rebecca and John. Currently the owner and president of Landis Machine Shop (36425 Grant, Romulus), Lewkowicz began working there as a high-school co-op student in 1972 for then-owner Cleland B. Landis.

Upon his graduation from Romulus High School in 1974, Lewkowicz attended Washtenaw County Community College, and received an associate's degree as an automotive technician. He then went on to the University of Michigan and earned a bachelor of science degree in vocational education. At that time, he was also working a second job in the automotive field at the former Serbay Motor Sales in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Lewkowicz is a volunteer member of several educational advisory committees. he sits on one such board for the Romulus



Following the announcement at the Chamber's January 15 luncheon, members Keith Johnston (left) and Larry Williams (right) congratulated Mark Lewkowicz on his selection as the 23rd Person of the Year.

High School automotive program, and is also a member of the Machine Trades Advisory Committee for Henry Ford Community College, the Taylor Schools Career Center, and the machine trades program in Huron Township's Huron High School.

At one time or another, he has employed students from all of these programs, giving them a chance to learn traditional machining processes and high-tech computer-controlled machining processes.

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## Letters to the Editor

*Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity.*

*Names will be withheld by request only in exceptional cases where, in our opinion, there is a legitimate reason to do so. All letters requesting anonymity will be treated confidentially, regardless of whether or not they are printed.*

The little paper reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

As always, opinions expressed in "Letters to the Editor" are not necessarily shared by the staff of the little paper.

### Shout Out Showcased Barth

To the Editor:

Congratulations to Barth Elementary School, which participated in the WXYZ-TV Channel 7 News "Shout Out" that aired on Wednesday, January 23, 2008.

Thanks to my son-in-law, who taped the program, I was able to watch several students (including my youngest granddaughter) on television.

All the "stars" had happy, excited expressions, and it looked as though they truly enjoyed the experience.

Thanks to Channel 7 News and Barth Elementary, the students and I have a new, special memory to treasure.

Sandra Crout, Trustee

Romulus Community Schools Board of Education

### "Big Band Ball" Supports Arts in Taylor

Tickets are on sale now for the second annual "Big Band Ball" to be held on Saturday, February 16, at the Grecian Center (16300 Dix-Toledo Road, Southgate).

The benefit for Taylor Friends of the Arts is presented by the Taylor Cultural Arts Commission.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner (featuring a performance by Girls' Night Out) will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to the big band music of Larry Huntington and The Skyliners is scheduled for 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. A cash bar will be open from 6 to 10:30 p.m. A silent auction is set for 6 to 9 p.m.

Notable achievements of the Arts Commission include establishing a scholarship fund for graduating seniors going into the arts, and giving viable opportunities for musicians, actors, and dancers to perform.

Tickets (advance only) are available for \$45 each or \$80 per couple. For more info, call Taylor Recreation (734-374-3906). To charge tickets, call 734-287-6318. □

### Historical Society Update

To the Editor:

At its January 16, 2008 meeting, the Romulus Historical Society held its annual election of officers.

The following individuals were unanimously elected for the current calendar year:

- President: Gerald Wendland
- Vice-president: Cathy Morse
- Treasurer: Gloria Chandler
- Recording Secretary: Genevieve Dugan
- Corresponding Secretary: Kenneth Krueger

The meeting was called to order before a packed audience in the historic Samuel R. Kingsley house.

The Historical Society is responsible for promoting a better appreciation of our local history, as well as collecting and preserving material pertaining to Romulus. The group also sponsors special events, such as an annual flea market held each June.

In order to achieve its goals, the Society is actively seeking new members. The public is welcome to attend the group's monthly meetings, which are held on the third Wednesday of each month (excluding July and December).

As a nonprofit organization, the Romulus Historical Society is required to file certain federal and state tax forms annually. This service is provided, at no cost to the group, by Kathy Billings, CPA, a partner with the accounting firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel of Wayne, Michigan. The Society thanks Ms. Billings for volunteering her expertise and time.

For more information about the Society, or to schedule a tour of the Romulus Historical Museum or the Kingsley house, please contact me at 734-697-9628.

Pearl Varner, director

Romulus Historical Museum □

### Still Time To File for Romulus School Board

Citizens who would like to run for one of two Romulus Community Schools Board of Education seats in the May 6, 2008 election *must* register by Wednesday, February 13, to be included on the ballot.

To file, a candidate may pay a \$100 fee or submit 40 registered-voters' signatures to the Romulus City Clerk's Office by the deadline.

The seats are currently held by Board vice-president Betty Lenossi, who is not seeking reelection, and secretary Thomas Kuderik, who has announced his intention to run, but had not filed as of February 5.

Danielle Funderburg was the only other person to file as of Tuesday.

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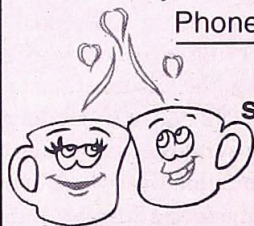


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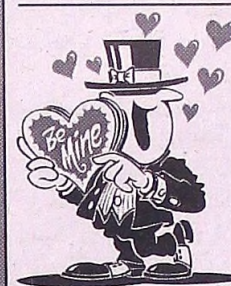
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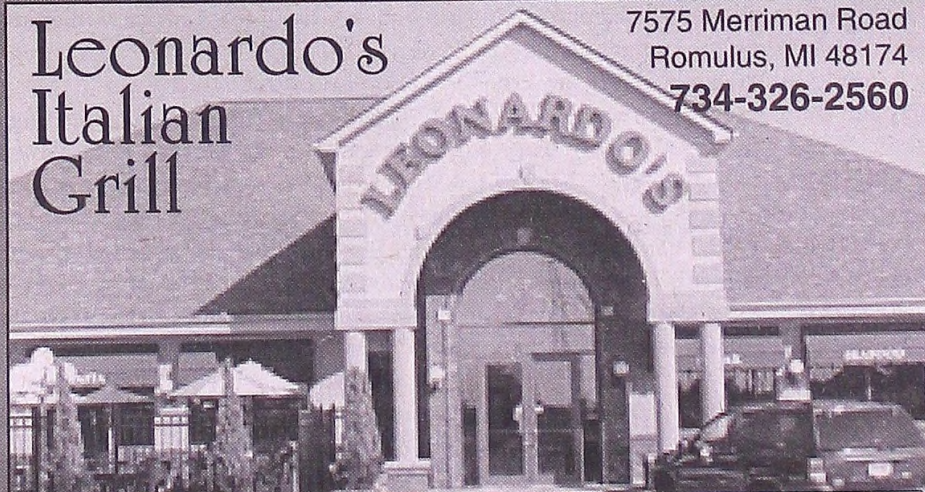
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## Lambert Testifies on Casino Legislation

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"In closing, I want to stress the urgency of getting this approved for the positive economic impact it would have on our area."

Following his testimony, Lambert answered questions about issues of concern.

"They wanted to know about things like potential public safety problems, and our ability to work with Tribal police," said Lambert. "We were well prepared to address those questions because, on a local level, we have been working for years to iron out such details with the Tribe."

Among those who expressed their opposition to HR 4115 were Representative Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-Detroit) and her son, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, both of whom fear that a casino in Romulus would draw business from the established Detroit casinos. Arguments mustered by them and other opponents dealt with issues like the distance (about 350 miles) between Romulus and the Tribe's reserva-

tion, as well as the belief that Dingell's legislation would fly in the face of a 2004 State referendum limiting the expansion of gambling without the approval of Michigan voters.

Despite those who spoke against HR 4115, Lambert came away from the day's events with a good feeling.

"I think it went well," he said. "We had strong support from both sides of the aisle – including Democratic Representative Bart Stupak and Republic Representative Candice Miller – and our arguments regarding the potential impact on the economy were persuasive."

According to Lambert, the Committee took no vote on Wednesday, but will meet again for further consideration of both HR 4115 and a similar resolution (HR 2176), sponsored by Stupak, regarding the Bay Mills Indian Community and a proposed site in Port Huron. He added that a vote would probably be held around February 14. □

## Dingell Endorses Clinton for President

On Wednesday, Congressman John D. Dingell (MI-15) endorsed Senator Hillary Clinton for President. The veteran Michigan Congressmen's statement said, in part:

"I will no doubt be asked why I chose to endorse a candidate for President after my own state has voted. The answer is simple; I did so out of the immense respect that I have for the effort led by my dear friend, Senator Carl Levin, and my wife, Deborah Dingell, to give Michigan a voice in the Presidential Primary process. I am pleased that after all of the early contests we have not yet decided on a nominee."

"We do however have a clear choice. I choose the candidate who I believe will stand up for Michigan's working families, whose keen intellect and strong convictions will make her an ally to our struggling state, and whose will and determination will make her a leader who will move our nation forward. I choose Hillary Clinton."

"We Democrats are fortunate that we have two fine candidates to choose from, but in my mind one is superior to the other. I like Senator Obama and will happily support him if he is my party's nominee, and like many others I am impressed by the energy and enthusiasm he and his supporters have brought to this process. Hillary Clinton, however, has stood up for Michigan voters and for issues important to our state, and I am proud to stand up for her. She is the candidate that best understands the issues that impact Michigan most – health care, protecting manufacturing jobs, and fighting for the working families who are struggling to pay mortgages and put food on the table. She is also the only candidate that insisted that Michigan voters be given a voice in our nominating process ...

"Universal health care is the defining purpose of my congressional career and my father's before me. My father first intro-

duced universal health care legislation in 1943 and I have introduced legislation to ensure every American in this nation has health insurance for twenty-six Congresses. When Hillary Clinton is President, I will finally see that ambition become a reality."

"She is the only Democratic candidate with a plan that will cover every single American. At a time when 47 million Americans lack basic health insurance and millions more struggle to afford basic health care, we need Hillary Clinton in the White House, because she will get this done. ...

"Senator Clinton also understands that a green economy is a smart economy. She has an energy policy that promotes job growth while reducing our carbon footprint. Her plan for retooling America's auto factories will help guide our country towards producing more advanced technology vehicles with higher fuel economy standards, but will also protect Michigan jobs. Senator Clinton also shares my values on this nation's trade policy; she knows our current trade policies are devastating Michigan and are wrong for America. ... Future trade agreements have to protect American jobs, not drive them overseas. ...

"That's why today I am endorsing Senator Clinton. She is ready to be President. She has the experience to get things done, and the character to bring about the change this country desperately needs from the disastrous policies of the current President. There is no candidate in either party better prepared to be President, and there is no candidate in our party I would prefer to see as our party's nominee. ...

"I want to make clear that today I speak only for myself. My wife Deborah Dingell and Senator Levin are remaining uncommitted as they remain focused on their work to give Michigan a voice in the Primary process." □

## Lewkowicz Is Chamber's "Person of the Year"

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Lewkowicz's father, the late John B. Lewkowicz, suggested that he join the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce in the 1980s. In 1984, he was elected to the Board of Directors, and has remained on the Board ever since – except for one year, when a former bylaw prohibited a member from serving two consecutive terms. His work for the Chamber has included two years (1992-94) as its president as well as stints on various committees.

Another organization with which Lewkowicz has enjoyed a long affiliation is the Romulus Historical Society. In 1988, the renovation of the city's historic "Little Red School House" was in full swing, and he was one of many Society volunteers who helped transform the building into the current Romulus Historical Museum. With the help of his wife, Lewkowicz manufactured and installed the "Dutch lap" siding that was needed to make repairs to the building's exterior. (The building was originally constructed in 1839, and the pattern was no longer available.)

Eventually, Lewkowicz was appointed to the Romulus Historical Commission. As its current chairman, he organized work parties to clean up the exterior of the city's historic Peter C. Bird house.

Lewkowicz believes that the high point of his service to the Commission occurred when the city's historic Wabash freight house was relocated to Romulus Historic Park and subsequently renovated through the collaborative efforts of the Commission, the Romulus Historical Society, the City of Romulus Community Development Department and Public Works departments, the Romulus Downtown Development Authority, and the 34th District Court work program. In order to make ends meet, he secured private donations of money and materials to make up shortfalls.

In spite of his busy schedule, Lewkowicz maintained involvement in the lives of his children, and this also led him into more volunteer activities. For five years, he was the leader of Cub Scouts Pack 872 (St. Aloysius, Romulus). During this period, his son John earned the rank of Webelo Two and his Arrow of Light award. Lewkowicz

also supervised the Webelos when they performed a major cleanup effort at Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit.

Currently, Lewkowicz serves as an assistant scoutmaster for St. Aloysius Boy Scouts Troop 872. Once a year, the Romulus Goodfellow organization calls on him to supervise the Boy Scouts as they deliver food packages to both of the city's senior-citizen apartment complexes. He also transfers food collected during the Scouts' annual "Can Do Food Drive" to the Helping Hand Thrift Shop of Romulus.

Additionally, Lewkowicz has assisted local Eagle Scouts candidates in finding service projects that would improve the Romulus community, and helped them meet the officials who could approve their projects. This led to the Scouts working on the Kingsley house landscaping, Elmer Johnson Park, and the Romulus Veterans Memorial.

For four years in a row, Lewkowicz supplied the tools, some of the materials, and the supervision when Romulus High School's Class of 2008 (of which his daughter Rebecca is a member) built its annual Homecoming float. He was also asked to chaperone for a memorable trip to Gettysburg when Rebecca was in the eighth grade, and chaperoned numerous field trips when his children were in grade school.

When the annual St. Aloysius Festival was a going concern, Lewkowicz volunteered for the event, working behind the scenes on various tasks rather than serving on a particular committee. Among his duties was cleaning up the grounds each morning before the festival began – a job that, for many years, he performed mostly on his own. Eventually, the 34th District Court workers began to pitch in, and he welcomed the opportunity to utilize their services.

Outside of the community, Lewkowicz is a volunteer for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, located in Novi, Michigan. He is also a 28-year member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and, has, at various times, served as secretary, program chairman, and chairman of SME Downriver Chapter 198.

Plans for an awards dinner in Lewkowicz's honor are pending, and will be announced in the near future. □

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(Front, right and left) Romulus High School students Justin Kuderik and Cameron Jackson took first and fourth place, respectively, in the high-school division of last month's Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Kuderik's sculpture depicted "momma and baby" angelfish; Jackson's, a swan. The RHS Ice-carving Team works under the instruction and supervision of Culinary Arts Department director Charles Usztics (back, right). Also pictured are Andy Stewart and Ashley Sweet (ice assistant). (photo by Thomas Kuderik)

## Barth's After-school Lessons Feature Crime Scene, Other Real-life Scenarios

Barth Elementary students who participated in an after-school program on crime scene investigation got a special treat recently when Detective Josh Monte of the Romulus Police Department visited them.

According to teacher Julie Wadsworth, Monte captivated the students with a presentation that included the staging of a purse-snatching. Afterward, students were asked to provide as many details as they could recall about the perpetrator. "The demonstration illustrated the critical importance of making accurate observations when witnessing a crime," Wadsworth said.

Monte also explained the procedure for setting up an investigation, and shared various photos, items of evidence, and sketches from closed investigations.

For many students, the highlight of the detective's visit was an opportunity to try on actual SWAT gear that Monte wears during dangerous investigations.

Wadsworth said that Detective Monte's visit was a great wrap-up for the after-school Crime Scene Investigation unit, which also featured fingerprint and fabric analyses, comparisons of ink samples, and questioning techniques. □



Detective Josh Monte (right) of the Romulus Police Department gave students an opportunity to try on actual SWAT gear – which weighed close to 40 pounds!



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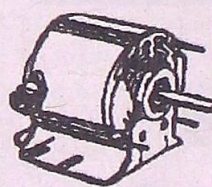
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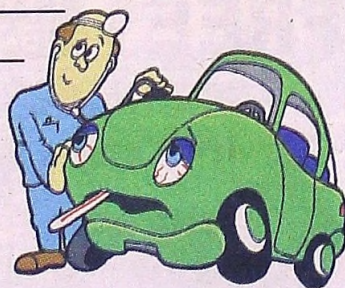
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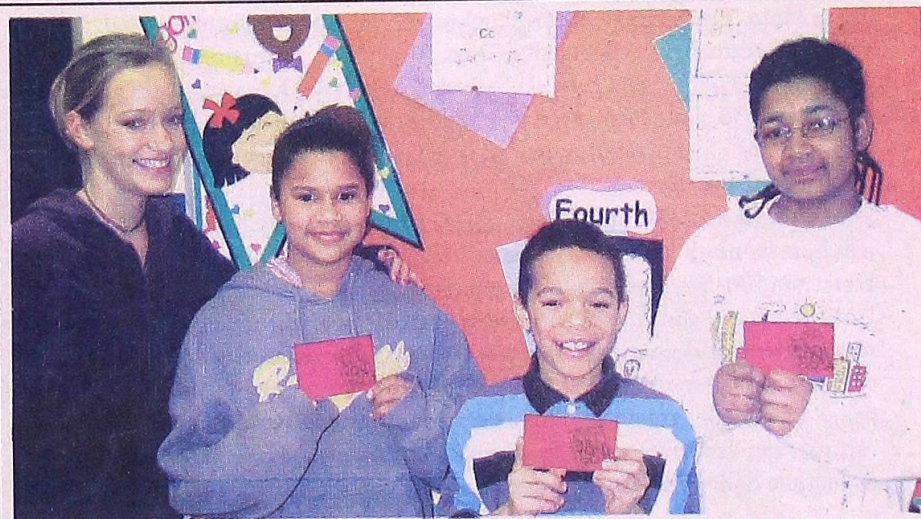


Stuart Block (left) and Ray Dubisky took down this buffalo during a recent trip to the Hidden Horns game ranch in Howard City, Michigan. The trip came courtesy of Stuart's dad, Fred "Junior" Block, whose winning ticket in a "hunter's choice" raffle was purchased by his son Brian. A portion of the buffalo meat was donated to St. Paul Church in Taylor for its Wild Game Dinner fund-raiser.

## Cory Stories



After a 10-week after-school tutoring program, 16 Cory Elementary students were invited to visit Romulus High School's Robotics Team. Under teachers Joseph Commander and Paul Grange, the students designed and completed LEGO robots using software that allowed them to program and control each unit. The visit gave students a chance to see robots designed by the RHS team for regional and national competitions. Pictured are (from left) Marcus Madison, DeAnte Ross-Springer, Chelsi Dawson, Cassandra Clay, Andrew Stuart (RHS team director), Chris Burton (RHS graduate), and Moses Proctor.



(From left) Becca Lewis of Americorps VISTA recognized Cory students Ashleigh Bennett, Dalontay Cleveland, and Bianca Buckley as winners in a Martin Luther King, Jr. poster contest. Winners (who received AMC Theater gift cards) were selected based on relevance to Dr. King's message, creativity, and artistic ability.



# Community Calendar

- **Alice in Wonderland Jr.** – The Taylor Youth Theater (ages 6–13) will present *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* at the Taylor Community Center in Heritage Park (on Pardee between Goddard and Northline) on Friday and Saturday, February 8–9, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, February 10, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$6 for students and senior citizens. (Groups of 20 or more pay \$5 per person.) For more information, call the Taylor Recreation Department (734-374-3906) during business hours or Debbie (313-295-6007) during evenings and weekends.
- **Roast Beef Dinner at CUMC** – Community United Methodist Church (corner of Olive and Bibbins in Romulus) will host a Roast Beef Dinner fund-raiser on Saturday, February 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. Suggested donation is \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids ages 6 to 12; 5 and under get in free. For carry-out, call 734-941-0736.
- **Bowling Night** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will hold its 3rd Annual Bowling Night fund-raiser at Romulus Lanes (37452 Huron River Drive) on Saturday, February 9, at 11:30 p.m. Tickets – \$40 per couple (\$20 per person) – include three games of 9-pin No-tap, first- and second-game “mystery,” pizza, and door prizes. Cash bar will be available. For info or tickets, call 734-893-0694 or e-mail [info@romuluschamber.com](mailto:info@romuluschamber.com).
- **Food Bank Opens** – Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive in downtown Romulus) will open its food bank to Romulus residents *only* on Tuesday, February 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. Those who wish to take advantage of the service must be a Medicare subscriber or Medicaid recipient, or have a Bridge card, and be able to show proof of income. For more info, call Kathy (734-941-0736).
- **Mother/Son Valentine Dance** – The Romulus Recreation Department’s annual Mother/Son Valentine Dance will be held in the cafeteria at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) on Wednesday, February 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A cost of \$12 per couple (plus \$4 for each additional son) includes a photo, flower for Mom, pizza, cookies & punch, and music/dancing. Tickets must be purchased at the Recreation Office (11189 Shook Road) by 5 p.m. on Monday, February 11. *No tickets will be sold at the door.* For more information, call 734-941-8665.
- **Tots Class** – An eight-week class for children ages 18 to 30 months and their parents/care-givers will be held at Huron Countryside Coop Nursery (located in St. Paul Church, 19109 Craig Street, New Boston) each Saturday from 10 to 11:15 a.m. starting February 16. The program will feature fun, interactive learning activities that all will love! Cost is \$50. For more info, call 734-753-5978.
- **Comedy Night** – The Romulus Band Boosters have joined forces with the Metropolitan Hotel of Romulus and Project2Improv (featuring John Thiede) to present a Comedy Night fund-raiser at the hotel on Saturday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call Rob McLachlan at 734-941-3829. All proceeds will go directly to the Boosters to support Romulus band programs.
- **Preschool Storytime** – Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to take part in the Romulus Public Library’s Preschool Storytime program, which will feature age-appropriate stories and crafts. Parents may choose either morning (10:30 a.m. Wednesdays from February 20 through March 26) or evening (6:30 p.m. Tuesdays from February 19 through March 25) sessions. Although the program is free, preregistration is required. Call 734-942-7589.
- **Blood Drive** – The City of Romulus will conduct a Red Cross blood drive at the Senior Center (36525 Bibbins) on Wednesday, February 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please contact Julie Wojtylko (734-955-4501).
- **Texas Hold ‘Em** – The Romulus Progressive Club and the Romulus High School volleyball team have scheduled a Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament fund-raiser at Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga) on Saturday, March 8. Doors open at 6 p.m.; play begins at 6:30 p.m. First place will yield a prize of up to \$1,000 (based on a minimum of 75 entries). Buy-in cost is \$50 per player. Net proceeds will benefit the RHS volleyball team.
- **Silent Auction and Wine Tasting** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its ninth annual Silent Auction and Wine Tasting at the Metropolitan Hotel (31500 Wick, Romulus) from 6:15 to 10 p.m. on Friday, March 14. Participants will also enjoy a menu of hors d’oeuvre (crab vol au vent with a sweet remoulade), salad (mesclun mix with roma tomato; served with a cherry or balsamic vinaigrette), entrée (petit filet of beef with a pine nut borsin demi and seared mahi mahi, Yukon gold mashed potatoes, and steamed asparagus with baby carrots), and dessert (forest berry mousse in a tulip cup). Tickets are \$50 each. Tax-deductible donations also welcome. For info, call the Chamber (734-893-0694).

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar,  
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Romulus High School varsity coach Jade Curry is proud of her 19-girl team, which is taking part in just its second season of competitive (as opposed to sideline) cheerleading. Building on its strong stunt and emerging tumbling skills, the team continues to work hard to improve its overall performance. Upcoming events include a "triple meet" with Wayne and John Glenn (February 13) and the Berkley Invitational (February 23). The Middle School team's next meet is the Chesaning Union Invitational (February 16).

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### **ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION**

In accordance with Section 763.84 of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), or the "Asbestos in Schools Rule," Romulus Community Schools is notifying employees and building occupants, or their legal guardians, of activities conducted within the past school year involving the asbestos inspections, response actions, and post-response action activities, including periodic reinspection and periodic surveillance activities, that are planned or in progress at School District facilities.

During the upcoming School Year (the "2007-2008 School Year" - September 2007 through August 2008), Romulus Community Schools has planned the following activities related to asbestos-containing materials throughout the School District:

- *Six-month Periodic Surveillances:* Six-month periodic surveillances will be completed every six months and continue on a regular six-month schedule (next scheduled round: approximately May 2008).
- *Three-year Reinspections:* The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that each school district reinspect all known and assumed asbestos-containing materials once every three years. The three-year reinspection activities for all Romulus Community Schools' facilities were completed in October 2004. The next three-year reinspection is therefore due this November.
- *Asbestos Abatement Projects - Scheduled:* As of the beginning of the School Year, there are no asbestos abatement projects scheduled.

During the previous twelve months (the "2006-2007 School Year" - September 2006 through August 2007), Romulus Community Schools completed the following activities related to asbestos-containing materials throughout the School District:

- *Six-month Periodic Surveillances:* Six-month periodic surveillance activities were completed in November 2006 and May 2007.
- *Asbestos Abatement Projects - Completed:* No asbestos abatement projects were conducted during the 2006-2007 School Year.

AHERA Management Plans are available for review in each school building office or at the Administration Building (36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan). Summaries for all of the asbestos abatement projects conducted prior to the 2006-2007 School Year are located in the AHERA Management Plans, while complete documentation is maintained in the Administration Building.

Questions regarding the asbestos program for Romulus Community Schools may be addressed to Mr. Jeff Heydanek, healthAIR, inc., at 248-426-0165 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



# "Sassy Seniors" News

For more information about these or other programs, contact the appropriate senior center or other organization.

## Brownstown

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### "An Afternoon at the Movies"

The Brownstown Senior Travel Club has planned an "Afternoon at the Movies" for Tuesday, February 19. Transportation will depart from the Community Center at 10 a.m.

A cost of \$19 per person covers transportation, admission to the movie (title TBA), popcorn and beverages during the show, and a gourmet lunch buffet.

Preregister at the Community Center.

### "Red Hatters" Plan Trip to Zehnder's

The Red Hat Society's Brownstown Chapter is planning a trip to Zehnder's of Frankenmuth on Tuesday, April 22. A cost of \$45 per person includes transportation, a chicken dinner and dessert, entertainment, and door prizes.

Note that members and guests must dress in "full regalia" (red hat and purple outfit for women 50 and over; pink hat and lavender outfit for women under 50) when attending Red Hat Society meetings and events.

Membership is free.

### Craft Classes

Medilodge of Taylor will sponsor free one-day craft classes at the Center on Friday, February 15, and Wednesday, March 19. Preregister at the front desk.

### New Enrichment Classes Planned

In the coming months, the Brownstown Senior Center will be offering several new enrichment classes in subjects as various as life journaling, poetry, art, and golf. Anyone interested in taking one (or more) of these spring/summer courses should sign the waiting list at the front desk.

### Pleasure Seekers Seek New Members

The Brownstown Pleasure Seekers social club is looking for new members interested in making friends and having a good time. The group, which meets from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month, sponsors four senior dinner-dances a year along with other events.

Membership – open to all Downriver senior citizens ages 55 and up – is \$10 per year, plus a onetime \$2 charge for a name tag. To learn more about joining, see treasurer Helen St. Louis at one of the club's regular meetings.

### Travel Club

Brownstown residents who would like to join the Travel Club should pick up a registration form at the Center's front desk. Advantages of membership include discounts on trips offered by the Center. Membership is \$10 per year.

The group's next meeting is set for Monday, February 11, at 11 a.m.

### Upcoming Trips

Area seniors are invited to take part in one or more of the following trips.

- **"It's a Great Day To Be Irish"** (Monday, March 10; \$79 cost includes transportation, admission, and lunch),
- **Point Edward Charity Casino and Hiawatha Racetrack** (Tuesday, March 11; \$29 cost includes transportation, \$20 in casino incentives, and a stop at the Duty Free Shop),
- **DSO – "The Beat Goes On"** (Thursday, March 27; \$50 cost includes transportation, continental breakfast, admission to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's performance, and lunch afterward), and
- **"Moonlight Magnolias"** (Saturday, March 29; \$67 cost includes transportation, admission to "Moonlight Magnolias" at Meadow Brook Theatre, and lunch at Canterbury Village).

Call the Center for more information.

### Regular Events

Regular programs offered by the Center include:

- euchre (Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Wednesdays, 9 a.m.),
- blood-pressure checks (first Thursdays, noon),
- bowling (Fridays, 1 p.m., Flat Rock Lanes), and
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### Culinary Class

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Cost is \$8.50 per person. Preregistration is required. Everyone is welcome!

### February Luncheon

This month's luncheon at the Center – set for 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19 – will celebrate Valentine's Day. Highlights will include a visit from Boys & Girls Club youngsters (who will have handmade crafts for all the seniors) and entertainment provided by The Dubisky/Ryznar Band, as well as a menu of pizza, salad, and beverages.

Although there is no charge to attend, preregistration is required.

### "Red Hatters" Plan Lunch Out

The Romulus Red Hat Society will be traveling to Applebee's on Friday, February 15, at 11 a.m.

For more information about the club's membership and activities, call the Center.

### Jewelry Class

The next of Maria Lambert's always-popular jewelry classes will be held on Wednesday, February 20, at 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$10. Preregister at the Center.

### It's Show Time!

The Romulus Senior Center is planning trips to see productions of *The Color Purple*, *Les Misérables*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. For details, call the Center.

### Shopping Trips

Romulus seniors are invited to ride the Center's van, free of charge, for Monday morning (9:30 a.m.) shopping trips to:

- Wal-Mart (February 11), and
- Kmart (February 25).

Reservations are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis.

### Upcoming Trips

Call the Senior Center for more information about any of the following trips.

- **Casino Windsor** (Thursday, March 13; \$10),
- **Atlantic City** (March 16–20; \$450),
- **Cornwell (Turkeyville)** (Tuesday, April 15; \$75),
- **Windsor Racetrack** (Wednesday, April 23; \$10),
- **Historic Sauder Village** (Friday, May 2; \$70), and
- **Holland Tulip Festival** (May 6–7; \$150).

### Regular Programs

Free or low-cost weekly programs offered at the Romulus Senior Center include:

- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- fun night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- game day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 6 p.m.), and
- chair exercise (Fridays, 1 p.m.).

### Hot Lunches

Don't forget that the Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each week-day (except for holidays) for a suggested donation of only \$2.25.

This month's menu features dishes like vegetable lasagna, lemon-pepper chicken, stuffed cabbage, and pork chops.

Call by noon at least one business day in advance to make your reservation.

### Tax Preparation Services

AARP will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 12:30 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday through April 9 to provide tax preparation assistance to senior citizens (age 60 and older), low-income individuals, and persons with disabilities.

Tax services will also be offered at the Romulus Tower senior apartments building on Fridays (except Good Friday).

This service is available by appointment only. Call to make your reservation.

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## Taylor

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### Sweetheart Dinner/Dance

The Ford Senior Center will host a Sweetheart Dinner/Dance from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday, February 15. A catered meal and music by Solitaire will be featured.

Tickets (\$12) must be purchased by Friday, February 8.

### Drama Club Seeks New Members

The Prime Time Players Drama Club is looking for actors/actresses, costumers, and stagehands – no experience necessary! To learn more, stop in at their next meeting on Thursday, February 14, at 1:15 p.m. "An Afternoon at the Movies"

Enjoy a gourmet buffet and dessert, then check out the new romantic comedy called *Definitely, Maybe* (with complimentary popcorn and beverages), on Tuesday, February 19. Bus departs from the Center at 10:15 a.m. and returns at about 4 p.m.

A cost of \$18.75 includes transportation, lunch, and admission. Advance registration required.

### Great Lakes Banjo Convention

If you love bluegrass/banjo music, you won't want to miss this show! Bus departs from the Center at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, and returns at about midnight.

A cost of \$12 per person includes transportation and admission. Be prepared to pay for dinner on your own.

### Celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

Don't miss the Ford Senior Center's St. Patrick's Day celebration, which will feature a catered meal and musical entertainment.

Tickets for the event – to be held on Friday, March 14, from 2 to 6 p.m. – are \$12 per person. Preregistration (by Friday, March 7) is required.

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### Tax Preparation Services

Volunteers at the Ford Senior Center will help senior citizens and persons with disabilities prepare Homestead Property Tax returns each Monday, and other tax returns each Thursday. Most returns will be electronically filed.

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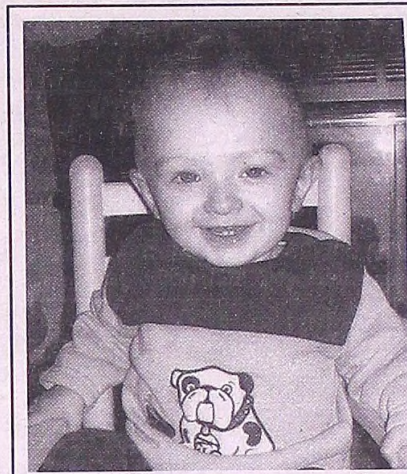
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**Lisa and Duane**

Leonard and Eleanor Rozdoske of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the coming marriage of their daughter, Lisa L. Rozdoske, to Duane D. Mendenhall, son of Duane and (the late) Victoria Menden-

hall of Wyandotte, Michigan.

The couple – who became engaged on March 10, 2007 – will exchange their wedding vows on April 12, 2008, at New Faith Chapel (Romulus).

Lisa will be attended by her maid of honor, Loretta Rozdoske, as well as bridesmaids Margo Rozdoske, Amanda Bacckus, Stephanie Mendenhall, Samantha Floyd, Shannon Martin, and Anna VanWieren.

Standing up with Duane will be his best man, Jeff Floyd; groomsmen Lenny Rozdoske, Jr., Nick Mendenhall, Matt Mendenhall, Mike Lassen, Ken Sorenson, and Ethan Hamula; and junior groomsmen Lenny Rozdoske III.

Aiden Mendenhall and Eleanor Rozdoske will be the ring bearer and flower girl, respectively.

Lisa – a 2004 graduate of Lake Superior State University – studied to become a public safety officer. Duane is employed at Buck's Oil Company in Romulus. □

**Obituary**

**James E. "Jim" Haislip, Jr.**

James E. "Jim" Haislip, Jr., of New Boston, Michigan, passed away on Friday, February 1, 2008, at the age of 73.

The native of Wyandotte, Michigan, was born on Thursday, June 7, 1934.

Jim worked for the Ford Motor Company until his retirement in 1991. He was a member of the Romulus Fire Department for 28 years, and served 8 years as its fire chief. A former Romulus Rotarian and Jaycee, Jim was also an avid golfer.

He is survived by his wife, Jackelene G. "Jackie" (Martin) Haislip; a son, James E. III (Yvonne) Haislip (Jackson, MI); a

daughter, Jill Lynn (John) Ross (Ann Arbor, MI); and 7 grandchildren.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, James E. Sr. and Lilley G. (Gronda) Haislip, and a sister, Dolores.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, February 5, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Father John Hedges (St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial contributions to the Romulus Rotary Club would be appreciated. □



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